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1. On 10 May 1951 Mito Pop Todorov, Vasil Gulev, and Kiro Karata were imprisoned for being responsible for the execution of eighteen Communists by the Bulgarians during World War II. On 9 May 1951 another prominent Communist in Strumica, Tasho Pasev, a former tailor, was arrested on the charge of pro-Cominform activities. Mitko Mladenov, the manager of the Auto Transport Enterprise in Strumica, was also arrested on the charge of pro-Cominform activities.
2. Vasil Todorov, the former Political Secretary of the Town Committee of the Communist Party and a deputy to the national parliament, was relieved of all of his government and Party duties. Jovan Palifrov, a former chairman of the District People's Council of Strumica and a deputy to the Macedonian Parliament, was also relieved of his government and Party duties.
3. On 8 April 1951 the following persons were elected to the Town People's Council of Strumica:
  - a. Gligor Novakov, Chairman. Novakov, a pre-war Communist, was also the assistant of the Minister of Forestry in the Macedonian Republic.
  - b. Velin Stojanov, Secretary. Stojanov was also the Political Secretary of the Strumica Town Committee of the Communist Party.
  - c. Mitko Batev, Commissioner of Interior.
4. The following were also officials in Strumica in early May 1951:
  - a. Risto Bilicev, Organization Secretary of the Town Committee of the Communist Party.
  - b. Mitko Brazilev, Political Secretary of the District Committee of the Communist Party.
  - c. Risto Ickov, manager of the Agricultural School. Ickov replaced Mile Janculiev.

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- d. Lubco Rogozinarov, Chairman of the District Court in Strumica.
  - e. Mihajlo Curev, Judge of the District Court.
  - f. A certain Viranov, Chief of the UDB in Strumica. Viranov was formerly a farmer in the village of Vasiljevo.
  - g. Vanko Poncev, Chief of the Section of Interior in the District People's Council, and an alternate deputy to the national parliament.
5. An attempt was being made to unify the Strumica District People's Council and the Strumica Town People's Council. Meetings were held in Strumica between local Communist officials and representatives of the Macedonian Politburo. The Politburo wanted Mito Temenugov ("Zelezni") to head the new unified Council. Temenugov was formerly a Minister of Agriculture in the Macedonian Republic, and is at present a Deputy to the Macedonian Parliament. The local Communist suggested the following candidates:
- a. Vanko Poncev, for Chairman.
  - b. Gligor Novakov, for Secretary. Novakov, a pre-war Communist, is the Chairman of the Strumica Town People's Council.
  - c. Mara Mananova, for Political Secretary. Mananova was the assistant to the Minister of Import and Export of the Macedonian government, and was the private secretary of the President of the Macedonian government.
  - d. Risto Pilicev, for Organization Secretary.
6. The following measures of centralization have been taken:
- a. About the end of 1950 the villages of Banice, Vodoca, and Gradsko Baldevci were taken from the administration of the Strumica District People's Council and were placed under the jurisdiction of the Strumica Town People's Council.
  - b. The villages of Bosiljevo, Jednokucevo, Saraj, Petarlinici, Staro Baldevci, Prosenikovo, Radovo, Ilovica, Stuka, Drvos, Sikirnik, Turnovo, Robovo, Dabili, and Peperovo were to be unified under one Community People's Council. The seat of the new community is to be in Bosiljevo, and the candidate for chairman of the community is Jovan Palifrov. The proposed community had existed in pre-war Yugoslavia.

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